

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 11-21, 25-30, 35-37 and 39-170 are pending in the case. Claims 1, 101, 141 and 167-170 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, but are allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection. Claims 2-8, 11-21, 25-30, 35-37, 39-100, 102-140 and 142-166 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 1, 101, 141 and 167-170 are herein amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. No new matter has been introduced. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1, 101, 141 and 167-170 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Specifically, the Office Action states that the claims are not written in a proper Markush format.

Claims 1, 101, 141 and 167-170 are herein amended to delete the improper and unnecessary expression in a Markush format.

Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1, 101, 141 and 167-170 should be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes that all the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, an early notification of which is earnestly requested.

No fee is believed to be due for this Amendment. Should any fees be required, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

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